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3. UK REPS ALSO FAVORED ADDING LANGUAGE TO THE BK/L (OR BK/O) WHICH WOULD MORE EXPLICITLY RESERVE ALLIED RIGHTS WITH RESPECT TO POSSIBLE FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS OF THE EC. THE UK REPS CONCEDED THEY WERE THINKING ABOUT VOTING RIGHTS IN THE PARLIAMENT. BOISSIEU AND US REP TOOK THE POSITION THAT WE SHOULD NOT PUT SOMETHING IN A BK/L (OR BK/O) WHICH ADDRESSES SOMETHING NOT CONTAINED IN THE OBJECT OF THAT BK/L (OR BK/O). THE GENERAL RESERVATIONS WERE SUFFICIENT.

4. US REP ALSO TOOK ADVANTAGE OF OPPORTUNITY TO SUGGEST THAT ALLIES CONSIDER TAKING INITIATIVE WITH SOVIETS ON SUBJECT, AND OUTLINED POSSIBILITY AS SET OUT BY USBER IN REF B. HE SAID THE IDEA ALSO SEEMED TO MEET THE OBJECTIVES OF THE UK SUGGESTION ON BK/O LANGUAGE. BRITISH AND FRENCH INDICATED NO IMMEDIATE ENTHUSIASM BUT SAID THEY WOULD THINK ABOUT IT.

5. COMMENT: OUR PRESENT FEELING IS THAT AN INITIATIVE VIS-A-VIS THE SOVIETS WOULD PROBABLY HAVE LITTLE OR NO EFFECT ON THEIR POSITION AND MIGHT EVEN BE DANGEROUS. THEY KNOW FROM THE PRESS OUR POSITION ON THE SELECTION OF BERLIN REPS. WE DOUBT THAT ANYTHING WE SAY COULD FUNDAMENTALLY AFFECT THEIRS. BUT THE QUESTION OF VOTING RIGHTS IS MUCH TRICKIER. AS IS IMPLICIT IN REF B, THE EASIEST CONCLUSION WHICH COULD BE DRAWN FROM AN ALLIED INITIATIVE IS THAT OUR RESERVATIONS HAVE TO DO WITH VOTING RIGHTS IN A PARLIAMENT WITH REAL POWERS. THAT IS, WE WOULD NOT LET BERLINERS VOTE IN SUCH A PARLIAMENT. SINCE NO ALLIED POSITION HAS YET BEEN AGREED, HOWEVER, AND, AS INDICATED PARA 1 F OF REF C, WE MAY NOT LIMIT BERLIN VOTES IN THIS WAY, WE WOULD POSSIBLY BE SETTING OURSELVES UP FOR A CHARGE FROM THE SOVIETS OF DECEPTION. WE ARE THUS WARY OF MAKING ANY REASSURING NOISES TO THE SOVI

FRENCH VIEWS FAVORING BK/O. IF THE EC ACT IS A  
DECISION OF THE COUNCIL, WE AGREE THAT BK/O WOULD BE  
IN ORDER (SEE USBER 1472).  
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